

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3733**

PATENT

Customer No.: 22,852

Attorney Docket No.: 08203.0033

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Frank BONADIO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/736,234)	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
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Filed: December 16, 2003)	
)	Confirmation No.: 3142
For: SURGICAL DEVICE)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, the period for response being extended to November 25, 2008 by the Petition for Extension of Time of one month filed herewith (payment for the Petition for Extension of Time is being made electronically at the time of filing), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section, and begin on page 10 of this Amendment.